

In this issue: SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE tackles the biggest mystery of all time:

GRAUSTARK

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30 July 1966

1965L

"Fall-Winter 1909"

RUSSIA, GERMANY AGREE TO PARTITION EUROPE

GERMANY (Clark): A Kie-Den; A Ber-Pru;
A Apu-Nap; A Rcm S A Apu-Nap; F Norwe-
gian Sea, F Mid, & F Tyr C RUSSIAN A
St.P-Smy; A Tus, A Spa, A Tyr, A Ruh;
A Mar, A Hol, A Bur, & F North Sea hold.

RUSSIA (Koning): A St.P-Smy; F Bar, F
North Atlantic, F Wes, F Ion, & F Aeg
C A St.P-Smy; A Con; A Ank, & A Arm S
A St.P-Smy; F North Africa-Tun; F Bla,
A Gre, A Ser, A Bul, & A Bud hold.

TURKEY (Swenson): F Gre-Aeg (sic); F Smy
S F Gre-Aeg. (sic). (The Turkish units
are actually a fleet in Naples and an
army in Smyrna.)

Underlined moves are not possible.
Both remaining Turkish units are dislodged.
Since no Turkish supply centers are left,
the Turkish units are removed. The High
Combatant Powers now control the following
supply centers:

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kio,
Lon, Mar, Mun, Nap, Par, Por, Rcm, Spa,
Tri, Ven. (17)

RUSSIA: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Liv, Mos,
Nor, Rum, St.P, Ser, Sov, Smy, Swe, Tun,
Vie, War. (17)

The following builds have been made:

GERMANY: A Ber, F Kio.

RUSSIA: A War, F Sev.

The High Combatant Powers have commu-
nicated the following joint declaration to
the Gamemaster:

PROCLAMATION

1 January 1910

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, sovereign rulers
of Germany and Russia, hereby proclaim a
general peace and amnesty. After a decade
of war that no one wanted but everyone
joined, we have at last received the sur-

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1965Q

"Fall 1907"

ANGLO-GERMAN FLEETS WIN NAVAL VICTORY

ENGLAND (Koning): F Iri S GERMAN F Eng-
Mid; A St.P S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Sev-
Mos; F Bar S A St.P; F Norwegian Sea
holds.

FRANCE (Whalen): F Mid-Ere; A Spa S
A Mar; A Mar S A Spa.

GERMANY (Smythe): F Eng-Mid; A Bur-Mar;
A Gas S A Bur-Mar; A Bre S A Gas;
A Mun holds; A Pru-War; A Sil S
A Pru-War; F Den-North Sea; F Bal-Den.

ITALY (Berman & Reinstein): F Tyr-Tun;
F Nap-Tyr; A Tyr-Vie; A Tri S A Tyr-
Vie; A Ven S A Tri.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (K. Pattee): A Sev-Mos;
A Ukr-War; A Ser-Tri; A Vie S A Ser-
Tri; F Aadr S A Ser-Tri; A Bud S A Vie.

RUSSIA (Swenson): A Mos S A War; A War
S A Mos.

TURKEY (Kuch): F Ion-Tyr; F Eas-Ion;
F Aog & F Gro S F Eas-Ion; A Bul-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible.
The Russian armies are dislodged and,
since Russia has no remaining supply cen-
ters, annihilated. The French fleet in
the Mid-Atlantic must retreat to the
North Atlantic, Portugal, North Africa,
or the Western Mediterranean. This re-
treat may be submitted with the "Winter
1907" builds and removals, which may be
made conditional on its direction.

The Turkish moves F Eas-Ion and its
supports are not valid because a power
may not force its own units to retreat.

A particularly interesting feature
of 1965Q is that it has taken 7 game
years to eliminate one power from play.
This is the only Diplomacy game, postal
or across the board, which is known by

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MARCHING ORDERS MISSING; PACE OF WAR SLOWS

ENGLAND (Jacobs): No moves received. F Bel & F Yor hold; F North Sea dislodged and annihilated.

FRANCE (Latimer): F Tun-Ion; F Nap holds; F Tyr S F Nap; A Pic-Tyr; A Tus-Pic; F Lon-Eng; A Edi-Yor; A Bro-Pic; A Par S A Bro-Pic.

GERMANY (Miller): No move received. A Spa holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Salamo): No moves received. A Rom, A Ven, A Tri, A Ser, A Bud, & A Gal hold.

RUSSIA (Aita): F Norwegian Sea S ENGLISH F Yor-Edi; F Norway-North Sea; F Den S F Norway-North Sea; F St.P-Norway; A War holds; A Bur-Par; A Pic S A Bur-Par; A Ber-Mun.

TURKEY (Berman): A Rum S A Bul; A Bul S A Rum; A Apu-Gre; F Ion C A Apu-Gre; F Eas & F Alb S F Ion; F Aeg-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. Since no English moves were received, under the rules of Diplomacy the dislodged English fleet is annihilated rather than re-treated.

Conrad von Metzko is the stand-by player in 1966Q. He is therefore requested to submit "Fall 1908" moves for Austria-Hungary, largest of the three idle powers. If no "Fall 1908" moves are received from Salamo, von Metzko's moves will be used and he will take over play of Austria-Hungary in 1966Q. As for the other two countries - well, since he has taken over Italy in 1966R I am asking Mohran Thomson if he would be so good as to send in stand-by moves for England in 1966Q under similar conditions. The first person to send in stand-by moves for Germany in 1966Q can have it. No charge will be made for these ontries, as the game is so far advanced. The addresses of these stand-by players may be found in GRAUSTARKs #95 and #98.

The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is SATURDAY 13 AUGUST 1966. It would be impractical to have a one-week deadline for this game, now that players away from the eastern coast are entering it.

CONSTANTINOPLE: It has been reported here that the Sultan considers soldiers more important than sailors which might explain why the 101st division in Apulia has been ordered back from the front while the 2nd fleet in the Ionian has to convoy them as well as face heavy enemy fire. No one seems to know why the Sultan wishes to protect the lives of one service and not the other but then the Sultan does not need reasons.

PARIS: This is ridiculous. Somebody come over to our side.

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render of the remaining enemy forces. Hereafter, only those armies necessary for defense will be kept in uniform and on pay status.

Germany will administer the Low Countries, Denmark, England (except for the Russian scientific and musical establishment in Liverpool), France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, and Trieste. Russia will care for Turkey, the Balkans, Budapest, Vienna, Sweden, Norway, Liverpool, and Tunis.

Sufficiently complaisant officers may retain their swords.

Lay down your arms, Rebels. The War is Over!

In the light of this joint declaration, the Gamesmaster decrees 1965L to be a draw between John Koning as Russia and Frank Clark as Germany. A review of the game and a supply center chart will appear in GRAUSTARK #100.

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"Winter 1902"

NEW GOVERNMENT TAKES CONTROL IN ITALY

After the "Fall 1902" moves, the Russian army in Galicia retreated to Warsaw. The "Winter 1902" builds and removals are:

ENGLAND (Latimer): Builds F Lon.
 ITALY (M. Thomson): Builds F Von.
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Uhr): Builds A Vic.

RUSSIA (Lovinson): Removes A Sil, F Bla.
 TURKEY (Genignani): No move received. No
 now unit may be built until after the
 "Fall 1903" moves.

William Sullivan, playing Italy, missed both the "Fall 1902" moves and the "Winter 1902" build. Mohran Thomson's build is therefore official, and he takes over the play of Italy in 1966R. His address was given in GRAUSTARK #98.

Anyone wishing to become the new stand-by player in 1966R should send in \$1.50 and a set of "Spring 1903" moves for Turkey. If no moves for that season are received from Margaret Genignani, his moves will be accepted, and he will take over the play of Turkey.

The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is SATURDAY 13 AUGUST 1966.

LONDON: Dock workers were today treated to the singular sight of one German Prince Otto being thrown into the Thames by Royal Guards. Before drifting out of sight, he was seen to wave a soggy scrap of paper purportedly having something to do with an agreement with the French.

SOUTHEAST-ON-SEA: A figure was seen swimming out into the North Sea from the Thames. It was rumored to be the disreputable Prince Otto of Germany.

AMSTERDAM: British naval units reported sighting a furiously swimming figure heading for Germany in the Holgoland Bight. It was theorized that this must be the by now waterlogged Prince Otto.

LONDON: Word has it that the French are sending an army to help the beleaguered Russians. It was also heard that the Ministry had raised an army to help in this humanitarian effort.

SAN FRANCISCO (January 3, 1903, IRMS): President Bryan's forces have restricted Roosevelt's to the South, Cuba, and some East Coast cities. New England to Central Connecticut had voted Bryan but were under the heels of Roosevelt bosses, who were overthrown as soon as Bryan troops neared.

BERLIN: Chancellor Bulow's government fell with a crash that was hardly audible over the sound of rushing water to the west. The biggest storm on the North Sea for nearly 400 years was making a shambles of the province of Ijssel, not to mention areas around Belgium and North Slavig. The German 3rd Army, aiding the citizenry in their mad rush for the safety of the interior, failed to notice that a British fleet, seeking refuge from the storm, had put in at what once was Amsterdam.

Chancellor Bulow's defense of his conduct in that area, not to mention what was termed "his original stupidity in trusting to the French two years ago", was spirited, if not coherent. One good point made, however, was: "How do you expect our people to stay in a place where there is no place?" He was probably referring to the fact that "Holland" is now under an average of 12 feet of water.

WASHINGTON: President Roosevelt, addressing Congress today, called attention to the problems they are apparently having in Europe about who is really president. If the unanimous vote in Congress is any indication, Mr. Roosevelt is definitely president. He immediately denounced Mr. Bryan's deception of the Russian Empire. Mr. Bryan was merely the U. S. representative during the Pacific talks. He noted that reportage of the agreements made between the Pacific powers neglected to mention that the territories named were not sold, only bases on them, with the exception of Samoa, which was sold outright.

He called attention to the fact that the last election in which Mr. Bryan could have been elected president occurred in 1900. At that time the late President McKinley was elected to a second term over Mr. Bryan.

BERLIN: Yes, London, you are trying.

BERLIN: In a last-ditch effort to destroy the French, Prince Otto has defected, changed his name to Outre de Paris-Match, and taken up residence in Paris. In reply to the statement of his physician to the effect that he has a representation of German troops in Paris, he said: "Zacry Blue! Eet 1st ein rhhepresentation of Vrench troops maring under Nelson's collump in 1904. Zacry Blue?" Already the French government is tottering.

FLORENCE: With the abdication of King Victor Emmanuel III a new wave of optimism unequalled since the Risorgimento has swept the country. The new King, a remote descendant of the Medici, is said to combine the energy and patriotism of Garibaldi with the infinitely high moral standards and trustworthiness of Savonarola. Italy's only territorial aims are thought to be the annexation of Ethiopia.

VATICAN CITY: Pope Sylvester IV is believed satisfied with the new regime that has taken power in Italy. At an Ascension Day ceremony in which he blessed all the elevators in Rome, he told a crowd: "The intermittent reign of anarchy in Italy is at last ended. Let us only hope that the people of Turkey, heathens though they be, are also spared this curse."

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your Gamesmaster to have had all players in contention for this long.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nor, St.P. (5)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tri, Tun, Von. (5)

FRANCE: Mar, Par, Spa. (3)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Mos, Scr, Sov,

GERMANY: Bel, Bro, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Bor,

Vie. (5)

Par, Swe, War. (10)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gro, Rum, Smy. (6)

England, Germany, and Turkey may each build one new unit. Austria-Hungary must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1907" moves is SATURDAY 13 AUGUST 1966.

ROME: The streets here were filled with demonstrators protesting the government's failure to negotiate a peace treaty with either Austria-Hungary or Turkey. The government denied the reports saying that Turkey and Italy were at peace and in any case help was on its way from France. The demonstrators laughed when they heard the statement.

VENICE: The military leaders here are considering if it be wise to attempt to take over the government before all is lost. There seems to be widespread support for this among the population. No reply was made by official sources when told of the plot.

This is

NAPLES: The fleet here was ordered put to sea but rumors say that the admiral was getting while the getting was good.

O At
P Great
E Intervals
R This

MARSEILLES: May the Kaiser choke on his beer.

A Appears
T To

ATHENS to GENEVA: Would you believe puppies?

I Inflamm
O Optic
N Nerves

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This special issue, with an expanded letter column, will sell for 25¢, but subscribers will get it at the regular rate. Make sure that you don't miss this landmark in Diplomacy publication.

1966AA

"Spring 1902"

CENTRAL POWERS ADVANCE IN FRANCE, SWEDEN, GREECE

The Russian retreat after the "Fall 1901" moves was F Rum-Sov.

ENGLAND (Dygert): A Norway-St.P; F Bar-Norway; F North Sea-Eng; F Liv-Iri.

FRANCE (Smythe): A Bel-Bur; A Par-Gas; A Spa S A Par-Gas; F Ero-Mid; F Por S A Spa.

GERMANY (Latimer): F Den-Swo; A Bor holds; A Mun-Bur; A Kio-Ruh; A Hol S A Kio-Ruh.

ITALY (Aita): A Tun-Gre; F Ion C A Tun-Gre; A Mar S GERMAN A Mun-Bur; A Ven-Pie;
F Nap-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Walkor): A Vie-Gal; A Rum holds; A Bud S A Rum; A Ser & F Alb
S ITALIAN A Tun-Gre.

RUSSIA (Lake): F St.P holds (sic); A Sil S A Gal; A Gal S F Sev-Rum; F Sov-Rum.

TURKEY (E. Thompson): F Smy-Aeg; F Aeg-Gre; A Bul S F Aeg-Gre; A Con S A Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian northern fleet was actually in the Gulf of Bothnia, rather than St. Petersburg, so it holds its position, and the English A Norway-St.P is valid. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is SATURDAY 13 AUGUST 1966.

VIENNA (24 Feb. 1902): His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor Leopold XI of Habsburg-Loddenbitten, today declared war on the Ottoman Empire. In part, the Declaration of War read: "The Grand Porte has refused Our every offer of friendship and alliance. The Ottoman Government has attempted to convince Us of the fantastic claim that Turkey does not want to expand (ha!) and seeks only peace on the basis of status quo ante. The Ottoman Empire insists that Bulgaria (which We admit) and Greece (which We deny) are its rightful territory. Such a claim is ridiculous, and to prove it, the Austrian Empire awards Greece to Italy in token of friendship and esteem. Even now, Italian forces are landing in Greece with the support of the Austrian Navy and the Austrian Army Awfully Array'd. Beware and tremble, infidels!! We shall overcome!!"

VIENNA (13 Mar. 1902): In an exclusive interview, the Prime Minister of Austria, Herr Flodermaus Strauss, gave his views on the situation in Europe today.

"Woll, as I see it (an' a-one an' a-two -), ve're in a holl uff a nosser-schnitt," His Excellency remarked. "Der hull damn kontinent iss at var (an' a-one an' a-two -), und His Machosty's Gufformment is very konzerned aboutt it. Ja. Anyvay, ve came to der aid uff our freunds the Chermans ven they vas attacked (an' a-one an' a-two -) by der Russkies, und der Russkies turned on us, jez! Ve eben gafe dem fair varning! Ich frage Sie, ist las fair? Nein!!"

"Zo! Ve got var mit Russland und their Ottoman freunds. Ho-ho-ho! Ve take them for zuch a ride like you neffer zaw (an' a-one an' a-two -)."

His Excellency continued to conduct his Edison phonograph. "Und dann ve got allies, anyway. Die Englishen und die nize Italians und die Chormans. (An' a-one an' a-two -)" Just then, His Excellency's wife, Pferdrella Strauss, carried him away by the car.

ROME: To cement the Austro-Italian alliance, Pope Innocent XIII has given the hand of his daughter Lucrezia to King Leopold. The wedding will take place in Vienna.

The Pope also announced a Holy War against the Gauls and the Turks.

SYRIA: Ah, our chicken-hearted Sultan has been able to avoid war - thus far. Peace will be Turkey's, while all the balance of Europe will be fighting and destroying.

BERLIN: And now we shall find out how strong the Mag'not Line really is...

BERLING: To Russia - Silesian coal miners resent being "liberated" as much as do Prussian wheat growers. Vamoose!

THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter VII

Once again Secret Agent O-O-Hate, who is actually Clark Gansel, mild-mannered comic book collector, penetrated into that hotbed of subversion, the Library of Congress. This time he was investigating a rumor that a prominent peacenik, a certain God, had died under mysterious circumstances. Immersed in his work, he transcribed his notes with the aid of a Captain Midnight code ring as he tracked down the strange story.

"An all too familiar tale," the secret agent murmured as he collected his findings. "Apparently he started out as patriotic as you might want. Then--"

Yes, there the story was, in one of the surprisingly many sources he had uncovered about this mysterious figure. Once he had supported war and patriotism just as vigorously as O-O-Hate did. He cheered his country on in every conflict, and once even helped cover an amphibious retreat in the Middle Eastern campaign.

But then a weakness manifested itself. He had had a son -- apparently by another man's wife. ("Shocking morals these peaceniks have!" O-O-Hate muttered under his breath.) This son had been a real wild one who grew a beard and bummed around the country with a gang of other Bohemians, preaching socialism, distrust of community business and religious leaders, pacifism, and what appeared to be some kind of free love.

"My, what are you so busy on?" said a pleasant female voice. "Is that a new method of musical transcription?"

O-O-Hate looked up. Across two ramparts of books -- his own, and hers -- sat a young woman making notes from an old music folio. A guitar stood beside her chair. The agent saw that she was wearing one of those now-fangled "granny dresses" -- a long black one.

"Oh, no, it's nothing, ma'am," he said, instantly suspicious. "Do you know anything about the death of God?"

"You might say so, yes," she laughed. "In a manner of speaking, you might say I'm married to his son."

O-O-Hate instantly tensed. "In a manner of speaking, eh?" he rasped. "I'm going to have to take you in for questioning on this case!"

(Has O-O-Hate found an important witness? Is God really dead? This adventure will be continued in GRAUSTARK #100!)

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